

CZAR ANXIOUS TO PACIFY PEOPLE

Hope of Establishment of Friendly Relations Between Sovereign and Parliament Strengthened.

COUNCIL OF EMPIRE OPENED

Sensation Caused By Sudden and Unexpected Appearance of Witte in Chamber.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, May 11.—The hope of the establishment of friendly relations between the Emperor and the National Parliament was further strengthened today by the audience granted by Emperor Nicholas at Peterhof, to Professor Mourmoutsoff, the president of the lower house. Professor Mourmoutsoff retained house. By St. Petersburg from the audience apparently much impressed by the Emperor's earnest interest in the problems of the country. Though the radical heads had been praying that Professor Mourmoutsoff would lay down the law to the Emperor and make a scene, the half-hour's conversation was skillfully guided by both the sovereign and the parliamentary chief, so that friction was avoided.

To the constitutional Democratic members of the House who awaited his return from Peterhof at the Constitutional Club, Professor Mourmoutsoff spoke only briefly, laying especial emphasis on his thorough knowledge of the sentiment in the parliament and society. Professor Mourmoutsoff said political questions were not gone into, as he had regarded it as not fitting that the present representative chamber should present at an official audience the views of any one group or body.

Reply to Throne.

The burning subject of the reply to the speech from the throne probably will not be reached at tomorrow's session of the lower house, the time of which body will be taken up with the election of officers, the adoption of necessary rules of procedure and the appointment of a committee on credentials.

A commission to investigate the agrarian problem perhaps will be appointed. Both the vice-presidents will be constitutional Democrats, the peasants, though at first insisting that they be given one place, having been unable to agree upon one of their number.

The central committee of the constitutional Democrats is working out a reply to the speech from the throne. The principal points will be amnesty and equality of political and civil rights. But a faction is insisting on a demand for the abolition of the council of the empire. An attempt will be made to come to an agreement with the peasants, who are drawing up an independent reply. Their chief demands are amnesty, the reorganization of the labor laws; the reorganization of the army; the disbanding of the Cossacks; the separation of Church and State; a general extension of the schools, and equal rights for all nationalities.

Upper House Opened.

The third act in the great drama of Russian parliamentarism, the formal opening of the recognized council of the empire, or upper house of the Parliament, took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the hall of the nobles at the Winter Palace. After Count Solakoff, president of the upper house, had declared the session open, the transaction of business began. It consisted of the announcement of the appointments of officers and the signing of the oath of office. The only sur-



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FUNERAL DRIVERS ON STRIKE; DEAD UNBURIED

Mourners Kept Waiting All Day. Strikers Attack Non-Union Men.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, May 11.—The strike of 1,500 funeral drivers, ordered last night, tied up the undertaking business in New York city to-day, so completely that about 150 bodies remained unburied. Hearses and carriages were driven away from churches, mourners were kept waiting all day in homes of the dead, and in several instances, non-union drivers of hearses and carriages were attacked in the street and police protection had to be called.

In many cases undertakers appealed to the board of health for permits to postpone burial beyond the four-day limit, while others asked for permission to convey bodies to the cemetery on trucks or street cars under police protection. In every case permission to use street cars for funeral vehicles was denied, but in cases where death had occurred from contagious disease and immediate burial was required, undertakers were forced to make use of their coffin wagons or such vehicles as they were able to procure with drivers.

The strikers declared to-night their fight for \$14 a week instead of \$12 is on in earnest. The employers, the Coach Owners' Association, met to-night and decided not to grant the increase.

INDIANA TOWN TWICE 'SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKE

(By Associated Press.)
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 11.—A special from Petersburg, Ind., says: Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt here at 12:45 A. M. A low rumble was heard in the west, and buildings quivered, windows rattled and dishes rocked. Many people jumped from their beds in fright. The shocks were forty-five seconds, and the first one was preceded by a vivid flash, similar to lightning.

PAPER TRUST IS DRIVEN OUT

Government Secures Unconditional Surrender As Result of Suit Begun in 1904.

COMPANY WILL DISSOLVE

No Definite Plans Yet As to Future of the Companies.

ST. PAUL, MINN., May 11.—The United States government to-day secured an unconditional surrender in the United States Circuit Court before Judge Sanborn, of the paper trust, in the suit which the attorney-general began on December 27, 1901, to dissolve a combination between the General Paper Company and twenty-three other defendants on the ground that an agreement had been entered into by the defendants in restraint of interstate commerce.

Attorney Kellogg, for the government, and Attorney Flinders, for the defendants, appeared before Judge Sanborn, sitting as a circuit judge, and Mr. Kellogg moved that the mandate from the United States Supreme Court affirming the order that the reluctant witness must testify be filed. Judge Sanborn ordered the mandate filed.

The witness then appeared before the United States examiner and offered to testify. The defendants then withdrew their answers. Mr. Kellogg announced that the government did not care to examine the witnesses and moved for a decree in favor of the government. Judge Sanborn ordered that the decree be entered for the government for the relief prayed and that the decree should be settled on June 15th.

The three witnesses, who had refused to testify—namely, C. I. Minar, of the Northwestern Paper Company; A. C. Bosard, of the Itasca Paper Company, and B. F. Nelson, of the Hennepin Paper Company—paid \$100 fine assessed against them for contempt of court for refusing to answer the questions put to them at a former hearing.

Will Now Dissolve.

(By Associated Press.)
MENASHA, WIS., May 11.—George A. Whiting, first vice-president of the General Paper Company, to-day said that the company will now dissolve.

"The newspaper publishers will find to their cost that they have killed the goose that laid the golden egg," declared Mr. Whiting. "The General Paper Company was an organization formed legitimately as a natural means for properly conducting the business of the companies comprising it. You will doubtless hear a good many rumors about what we are likely to do. I do not know at this time whether one company will be formed or not to combine all the mills under one management. There have been a great many plans suggested."

Amateur League Games.

Games of the Richmond Amateur Baseball League for to-day are: Chesapeake and Ohio Offices and Capeake and Ohio Shops, 4 P. M., West Hill. Cedar Works and Locomotive Works, 5:30 P. M., Fairmount. B. B. Taylor Company and L. H. Jenkins Company, 4 P. M., Hermitage. Can Company and Times-Dispatch, 2:30 P. M., Fairmount. The L. H. Jenkins Company has replaced the Evening Journal, retired, in the league. The "Victor" ball has been adopted by the R. A. B. L.

COLLUSION WITH ROAD IS CHARGED

Standard Oil Said to Have Had Arrangement With St. Louis and Iron Mountain.

CRUSHING OF INDEPENDENTS

Will Use Rake on Trust in Muck, Commissioner Clements Remarks.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, May 11.—Direct charges of collusion between the Standard Oil Company and the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad were made during to-day's hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission of the investigation of the relations between the Standard Oil Company and the common carriers of the country.

H. J. Cohn, of St. Louis, for fifteen years connected with the Standard Oil Company, declared that the agents of the railroad acted as agents of the oil company, and received a commission on oil they sold. He himself acting as an agent of the Standard Oil Company, had, he said, appointed agents at various places on the Iron Mountain road in Missouri.

Attorneys for the Standard Oil Company, during the cross-examination of Maxon, an Illinois oil dealer, formerly employed by the Standard Oil Company, showed that Maxon repeatedly wrote letters to officers of the Standard Oil Company threatening to make trouble because he did not consider himself well treated. Maxon said he wrote the letters "just for amusement."

The last witnesses of the day was S. L. Hibbs, of Peoria, Ill., who gave evidence regarding the methods of crushing independent dealers similar to that given by previous witnesses. During Hibbs's testimony, Attorney Miller, representing the Standard Oil Company, objected to the evidence, saying that it had no bearing on the relations of the company with the railroads and that it was simply a lot of "muck raking."

"Well," replied Commissioner Clements, "if the Standard Oil Company is in the muck, I see no reason why a rake should not be used."

The hearing will be continued to-morrow.

ASSEMBLY MEMBERS DENOUNCE MORAN

Declare Investigation is Serious Reflection on Massachusetts and Its Legislature.

(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, May 11.—One hundred members of the Massachusetts Legislature appeared at the office of District Attorney John B. Moran, at the Suffolk county courthouse to-day, in response to summonses issued by the district attorney, who has placed before the grand jury evidence in connection with alleged bribery, which was a feature of the defeat of the anti-bucket shop bill. Only twenty-five senators and representatives were detained for examination before the grand jury. Many of them, who at first regarded the matter a joke, to-day denounced Mr. Moran's investigation as an outrage and a serious reflection on Massachusetts and its Legislature. The investigation will be continued at the June sitting.

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HOPPE BREAKS WORLD'S RECORD

Chicago Game Sets New Mark for High Billiard Run.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, May 11.—The world's record high billiard run 18-inch ball line, two in, was broken to-night by Willie Hoppe, who set the new mark at 367. The former record was held by Louis Cure, 255.

Hoppe made the record to-night in his game with Jake Schaeffer, whom he defeated in eight innings, 500 to 192, in the professional billiard tournament at Orchestra Hall.

ENGLAND WAITING FOR REPLY OF PORTE

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, May 11.—The terms fixed by the British ultimatum to Turkey expires at midnight Sunday. It is still anticipated in official circles that the Porte will accept the demands of Great Britain, but in the event of the Sultan's proving obdurate, active coercive measures will commence immediately on the expiration of the period of grace. Full instructions have been sent to Vice-Admiral Lord Bessborough, who is commanding the British fleet at Cyprus.

HOUGH INDIFFERENT WHEN TOLD MUST DIE

(By Associated Press.)
DAYTON, OHIO, May 11.—Judge Brown, in Common Pleas Court, to-day overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of Dr. Oliver C. Hough, convicted of the murder of his parents and brother, and sentenced the prisoner to be electrocuted Wednesday, August 29th. Dr. Hough received the sentence with indifference.

FLAMES CAUSE PANIC AT CIRCUS

Two Thousand People in Stampede in New Rochelle and Many Injured.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., May 11.—An exploding gasoline lamp set fire to the main tent of a circus showing here to-night and caused a panic in the audience, many persons being bruised and slightly injured, while one of the circus employees suffered a broken leg. The top of the main tent was destroyed. The local fire department managed to check the fire just before it reached the tent containing the menagerie.

There were about 2,000 persons in the tent when the blaze started. A mid-air acrobatic performance was in progress when one of the big lamps on the main pole set fire to the gasoline in a tank which contained several gallons of the fluid. The blaze was communicated to the canvas and ropes, and there was an immediate rush for the exit. The circus employees cut away the canvas walls of the tent and every one escaped from the enclosure. Many, however, were bruised in the rush. Before the last of the crowd was out, flakes of burning canvas were dropping in the ring and seats.

Governor Can't Go.

Governor Swanson has been invited to attend the unveiling of a monument to the "comrades and shipmates of the Army and Navy Union" at Portsmouth on May 30th. The Governor finds that engagements here will prevent his attendance.

Judge Monterio Here.

Judge A. X. Monterio, of Gooseland, is in the city on private business, and is registered at Murphy's.

The Rev. J. L. McSparran will preach at St. James Sunday morning and evening.

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